

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND OTHER
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF BRADFORD, N. H.
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1893.

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TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD
FOR THE
Fiscal Year Ending March 1, 1893,
AND THE
VITAL STATISTICS
For the Year 1892.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

For the Year Ending March 1, 1893.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APR. 1, 1892.

DESCRIPTION.	No.	VALUE.
Polls,.....	242	\$24,200.00
Real Estate,.....		290,286.00
Horses,.....	237	16,255.00
Oxen,.....	108	4,699.00
Cows,.....	658	14,745.00
Neat Stock,.....	371	5,436.00
Sheep,.....	871	3,370.00
Hogs,.....	9	54.00
Carriages,.....	43	2,100.00
Stock in Public Funds,.....		9,400.00
Stock in Banks in this State,.....		6,330.00
Stock in Corporations in this State,.....		5,085.00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit,		41,029.00
Stock in Trade,.....		17,075.00
Mills and Machinery,.....		5,400.00
TOTAL,.....		<hr/> \$445,664.00

TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE TOWN.

State Tax,.....	\$1,205.00
County Tax,.....	1,219.96
School Tax,.....	843.30
Highway Tax,.....	500.00
For Free Public Library,.....	25.00
Town Tax,.....	1.00
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TOTAL,.....	\$3,794.26

Money and Highway Taxes combined are assessed
at the rate of \$1.01 on a hundred dollars.

Report of the Board of Reappraisers

OF THE REAL ESTATE IN THE TOWN OF BRADFORD.

We, J. Albert Peaslee, Frank Withington, and Edward C. Messer, Selectmen and Appraisers of the town of Bradford; John E. French, Charles F. Davis, and William Trow, the special Board of Appraisers elected at the annual meeting in March, A. D. 1892, to assist the Selectmen in the reappraisal and equalization of the resident and non-resident real estate in said town, entered upon the duties imposed upon us by the statutes governing the same, in the month of September 1892, and finished said record, by transfer to the books of the town, in the month of January 1893.

We personally examined the real estate in said town, and found some over sixteen hundred acres that were not on our tax lists. We considered it our duty, in making out the appraisal, to regard the income of all property, in our final decision as to its valuation, as having an important bearing in deciding the result. We corrected all the changes which had been made in said real estate, and made a correct transcript on the town records. We reduced the valuation over seventeen thousand dollars, but in making our final record, we found the additional property which was added to our old valuation and not on the old records, showed a net reduction of two thousand dollars in the final result. A record has been made of each piece of real estate, and each piece has been appraised separately. In making this reappraisal, the condition, income, and laws of equalization were carefully considered in every case,

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

J. ALBERT PEASLEE,
FRANK WITHINGTON,
EDWARD C. MESSER,
JOHN E. FRENCH,
CHARLES F. DAVIS,
WILLIAM TROW,

COMMITTEE
ON
REAPPRAISAL
OF
REAL ESTATE

CASH RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN.

Cash on hand March 1, 1892,.....	\$839.71
Received of Geo. A. Maxon & Co., pool table,	10.00
“ of Henry Wilcox, oxen,.....	115.00
Taxes committed to Alberton Peaslee,.....	4,039.71
Merrimack County, support of paupers,.....	137.73
State R. R. Tax,.....	445.51
Insurance Companies,.....	3.75
Savings Bank Taxes,.....	2,072.84
Literary Fund,.....	177.92
John L. Barnes, part payment on farm,.....	25.00
Alberton Peaslee, taxes of 1891,.....	45.00
Jacob C. Bailey, balance from cemetery acct.,	11.90
Alberton Peaslee, int. on taxes 1892,.....	3.07
Geo. A. Hemphill, use of town hall,.....	26.97
Licenses on dogs 1892,.....	141.00
TOTAL,.....	<u>\$8,095.11</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Charles F. Davis, services as Auditor,.....	\$2.00
Addison S. Cressey, services as Auditor,.....	2.00
R. E. Walker, services rendered Town Police,	5.00
A. P. Howe and Son, printing town reports,	30.00
Joseph K. Lund, Insurance on Town Hall,.....	11.00
Edson C. Eastman, stationery,.....	14.55
Sabria Cheney, watering trough,.....	2.00
Geoege A. Smyth, board of selectmen,——.....	11.75
John A. Eaton, damage to sheep by dogs 1891,	10.00
Charles Gillis, 1 pair of oxen,.....	115.00
J. Albert Peaslee, moving S. Austin to Co. farm,	7.40
W. H. Clemons, painting hearse,.....	18.00
Muns and Paige, steam pipe for cemetery,.....	28.69
Fowler Bros., lumber for Centre cemetery,.....	1.38
W. H. Clemons, painting urns on hearse,.....	1.75
H. L. Blood, wire and spikes for Centre cemetery,	6.38
Frank Withington, labor on Centre cemetery,.....	6.50
Jacob C. Bailey, lanterns and urns for hearse,.....	16.00

Wm. M. Carr, lamps and chairs for town hall,.....	\$29.25
Everett Kittredge, cash paid for recording deeds,	1.60
George A. Smyth, meals for Election Officers,.....	7.00
Dr. G. N. Gage, births and deaths,.....	.75
J. Albert Peaslee, fitting hall for Austrailan ballot,	21.62
Solon Carter, State Tax,.....	1,205.00
E. H. Carroll, County Tax,.....	1,219.96
Board of Equalization, reappraisal of real estate,	200.00
Choate Brothers, powder, fuse & oil cloth,.....	4.67
Edson C. Eastman, record books,.....	8.83
Hugh Corrigan, sharpening drills,.....	.96
W. F. Wallace, births & deaths,	2.50
William Ayer, pasturing oxen 2 weeks,.....	1.00
A. P. Howe & Son printed matter for town,.....	2.20
A. P. Howe, services as Com. Special Dist. No. 1,	9.00
J. Albert Peaslee, 6 trips to Concord & Co. farm,	15.35
Edward C. Messer, " " "	3.00
Sullivan G. Stevens, Damage to sheep by dogs,	6.00
W. S. Moon, " " "	10.00
Frank O. Melvin, cash for School Board,.....	80.00
Jacob C. Bailey, use of water trough,.....	3.00
Sabria Cheney, " " "	2.00
Alberton Peaslee, stationery & stamps,.....	8.00
TOTAL,.....	\$3,131.08

REPAIRING ROADS & BRIDGES.

Jefferson D. Nichols, labor on road Dist No. 2,	\$13.68
Orlin D. Cram, railing in Dist. No. 13,.....	5.19
George A. Sawyer, Dist. No. 10,.....	4.15
Leonard P. Jameson, Dist. No. 7,.....	1.00
Ira F. Wiggin, 6,.....	12.86
George A. Sargent, 10,.....	15.64
Prescott Colby, 19,.....	10.00
Edwin Nichols, 26,.....	22.65
J. G. Peaslee, expense running road-machine,.....	299.17
Arthur F. Moore, railing Dist. No. 12,.....	7.40
Ansyl S. Dill, 10,.....	6.60

J. Willis Eaton,	Dist. No. 9,	\$20.05
Parker B. Craig,	6,	15.07
George H. Cheney,	27,	15.00
John W. Cressey,	16,	7.00
Henry McCoy,	25,	3.03
George A. Sargent cutting bushes	10,	15.00
Fred O. Howlett,	24,	14.34
Rand & Cheney, bridge plank,		14.75
A. French Smith,	30,	8.17
Alden W. Rowe,	4,	5.00
J. Dow Chase, railing,	2,	16.38
W. S. Moon, repairing roads,	2,	4.30
Jerry West, " "	17,	5.70
TOTAL,		\$542.13

BREAKING ROADS.

Ira F. Wiggin,	District No. 6,	\$6.15
Arthur F. Moore,	" 12,	1.80
Fred O. Howlett,	" 24,	2.28
William G. Hoyt,	" 30,	2.92
Edwin Nichols,	" 26,	4.65
Alberton N. Trow,	" 9,	8.25
John W. Morse 2nd,	" 18,	2.25
J. W. Ward,	" 5,	2.73
Justin Piper,	" 23,	1.12
TOTAL,		\$32.15

EXPENSES OF COUNTY POOR.

Hannah Cass,.....	\$37.50
Stephen Austin,.....	82.59
James Taylor,.....	10.99
Mrs. James G. Hoyt,.....	11.75
Murtie Blake,.....	9.90
Transient paupers,.....	11.25
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TOTAL,.....	\$163.98

EXPENSES OF TOWN POOR.

Mittie B. Peaslee, board of Blake Barnes,.....	\$152.50	
K. W. Marshall, burial expenses,	24.00	
W. F. Wallace, attendance, B. B. Barnes,.....	2.50	
TOTAL,.....		\$ 179.00

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Addison S. Cressey, school money, Town Dist.	600.00	
D. Moody Morse, " " Special Dist.	540.80	
TOTAL,.....		\$ 1,140.80

EXPENSES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Charles F. Davis, Trustee,.....	\$25.00	
Charles F. Davis, book cases,.....	15.00	
Charles F. Davis, Insurance & express,.....	6.35	
TOTAL,.....		\$ 46.35

STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

J. C. Ray, board of Moses Hall,.....	\$13.50	
J. C. Ray, " " "	19.50	
J. C. Ray, " " "	19.50	
TOTAL,.....		\$ 52.50

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

TOWN DISTRICT.

Curtis B. Bean, painting school-house No. 6,	\$10.00	
Choate Bros., paints & oils,..... " 6,	28.90	
Eugene Cummings, painting & papering " 6,	11.55	
Choate Bros., paints & oil,.....	6.70	
William M. Carr, paper &c.	2.24	
F. O. Melvin, repairs on school-house at Pond,.....	22.92	
Edward P. Ring, mason work,.....	3.20	
TOTAL,.....		\$ 85.51

EXPENSES OF FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

Frank O. Melvin, books for Town District,.....	\$ 58.81
Martin H. Huntoon, books for Special District,.....	25.67
“ “ “ “ “ “	36.67
F. O. Melvin, books for Town District,.....	57.41
A. P. Howe & Son, supplies & repairing books,	13.22
Martin H. Huntoon, books for Special District,.....	50.89
William M. Carr, books 1890,.....	1 20
Total,.....	<hr/> \$ 243.87

ABATEMENTS & DISCOUNTS.

Alberton Peaslee, discounts on taxes 1892,.....	\$ 49.11
“ “ abatements taxes 1890—91—92,	44.72

CEMETERY REPORT.

To cash paid out on new cemetery, grading, building fences, and laying out new lots,.....	\$ 108.10
Received from the sale of lots,	120.00
Leaving a balance in favor of the town of,.....	<hr/> \$ 11.90

WILLIAM M. CARR, } COMMITTEE
JOSHUA EATON, } ON
JACOB C. BAILEY, } CEMETERY.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Charles F. Davis, services as supervisor,.....	\$ 8 00
Addison S. Cressey, “ “	8.00
Silas Sawtell, “ “	8.00
J. Albert Peaslee, services as moderator in March,	3.50
“ “ “ “ November,	5.00
Silas Sawtell, “ supervisor,.....	8.00
Addison S. Cressey, “ “	8.00
Charles F. Davis, “ “	8.00
J. Albert Peaslee, “ selectman,.....	75.90
Frank Withington, “ “	50.00
Edward C. Messer, “ “	45.00
Alberton Peaslee, “ Tax Collector,.....	50.00
Winfred B. Cilley, “ Town Treasurer,.....	40.00
Total,.....	<hr/> \$ 317.40

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1892				CR
March	4,	Rehearsal,	\$.25	
	5,	Reunion,	.25	
	17,	Milk meeting,	.25	
	31,	" "	.25	
April	19,	" Band concert,	.75	
	22,	Shepard "	2.00	
	29,	Band "	.75	
May	7,	" "	.75	
	21,	" "	.75	
June	4,	" "	.75	
	18,	" "	.75	
July	2,	" "	.75	
	16,	" "	.75	
	23,	" "	.75	
	30,	" "	.75	
Aug.	6,	" "	.75	
	13,	" "	.75	
	20,	" "	.75	
Sept.	3,	" "	.75	
	10,	Brennan's "	6.00	
	17,	Band "	.75	
	18,	Dance & supper,	2.05	
Oct.	15,	Band concert,	1.00	
Nov.	10,	Entertainment,	1.25	
	12,	Band concert,	1.00	
	24,	" "	1.00	
Dec.	2,	Comical Brown,	2.00	
	12,	Band concert,	1.00	
	24,	Christmas tree,	.25	
	31,	Wallace Hopper Co.,	10.00	
Jan.	3, 1893,	Band concert,	1.00	
	17,	" "	1.00	
	31,	" "	1.00	
Feb.	14,	" "	1.00	
	15,	Reunion,	.25	
	18,	Dancing school,	3.00	
Total,			\$ 47.05	

DISBURSEMENTS.

		Dr.
1892		
Mar.	4, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	\$.40
	10, Slab wood,.....	1.00
Apr.	10, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
	25, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
May.	20, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
July	10, 6 chimneys,.....	.48
	20, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
Aug.	6, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
Sept.	8, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
Oct.	15, 5 gallons K. oil.....	.40
Nov.	10, 5 gallons K. oil & 3 chimneys,.....	.65
	24, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
Dec.	2, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
	10, 1 cord of wood,.....	3.50
	27, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
	30, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
	31, ½ cord of wood,.....	1.75
1893		
Jan.	2, 10 gallons K. oil & chimneys,.....	1.00
	3, Water-pail, dipper & broom,.....	1.30
	5, Lock for hall,.....	.40
	16, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
	19, 1 cord wood,.....	4.00
	20, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
Feb.	8, 5 gallons K. oil,.....	.40
	Total,.....	\$ 20.08
	Leaving a balance in favor of the hall of.....	26.97

GEORGE A. HEMPHILL, JANITOR.

ASSETS.

Due on tax book of 1891,.....	\$ 15.00
tax book of 1892,.....	30.00
County of Merrimack,.....	26.25
John L. Barnes, note secured by mortgage,.....	130.63
Cash in hands of Treasurer March 1, 1893,.....	2,051.51
Total Assets,.....	\$ 2,253.39

LIABILITIES.

Literary fund in hands of Treas., due school Dist.,	\$ 177.92
Received from license on dogs, due school Dist.,	115.00
Money received tax on dogs, due school districts,	80.00

Outstanding bills,.....	50.00
Total Liabilities,.....	\$ 422.92

Deduct liabilities from assets and it leaves a balance in favor of the town of \$ 1,830.47 available to pay the current expenses of the town.

Cash received by Selectmen since March 1, 1892, \$	8,095.11
Cash paid out by Selectmen,.....	6,043.60
Add amount of money in hands of Treasurer,.....	2,051.51
Making a total of.....	\$ 8,095 11

Which sum balances the acct. of Selectmen & Treasurer.

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous Bills,.....	\$ 3,131.08
Repairing Roads & Bridges,.....	542.13
Breaking Roads,.....	32.15
Support of County Poor,.....	163.98
Town Poor,.....	179.00
Expense of Schools,.....	1,140.80
Public Library,.....	46.35
State Industrial School,.....	52.50
Repairs on School-houses,.....	85.51
Expense of Text-books,.....	243.87
Abatements,	44.72
Discounts,	49.11
Town Officers' Bills,.....	317.40
Cash paid by Treasurer, damage to sheep by dogs,	15.00
Total,.....	\$ 6,043.60

RESPECTFULLY, SUBMITTED,

J. ALBERT PEASLEE,	} SELECTMEN OF BRADFORD
FRANK WITHINGTON,	
EDWARD C. MESSER,	

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find them supported by proper vouchers, correctly and neatly kept, and the figures and footings correct. We find no interest-bearing debt, and we congratulate the inhabitants on the condition of their finances, and commend them for their patience in submitting so long to so heavy a burden.

R. W. CUMMINGS,	} AUDITORS,
GEORGE S. MORGAN,	

Bradford, N. H., March 1st 1893.

Report of Library Trustees.

Bradford Free Library.

The town at its last annual meeting March 8 A. D. 1892, voted to accept the provisions of chapter 8, Section 21-26 of the Public Statutes relating to the establishment of free libraries, and voted to provide an annual appropriation of twenty-five dollars for that purpose. They also elected Library Trustees to serve one, two, and three years, as follows:—

CHARLES F. DAVIS, for one year.

FRED H. GOULD, for two years.

ASBURY P. HOWE, for three years.

The officers of each town applying for the books from the state, have been required to fill the following blanks:—

We hereby certify that at a legal town meeting of the town of Bradford N. H. held on the 8th day of March 1892, the following named persons were chosen a board of library trustees for the terms specified against each name, Charles F. Davis for one year Fred H. Gould for two years, and Asbury P. Howe for three years We further certify that the last assessed valuation of the town is 445,664 dollars, and that the town voted to provide an annual sum of not less than twenty-five dollars for the use and maintainance of a free public library.

J. ALBERT PEASLEE,	} Selectmen of Bradford.
FRANK WITHINGTON,	
EDWARD C. MESSER,	

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Board of Library Commissioners.

September 5, 1892.

Selectmen of Bradford,

Gentlemen:— We have been officially informed of the acceptance by your town of the provisions of chapter 8, Section 21-26 of the Public Statutes, relating to the establishment of free public libraries, and also have your application for the one hundred dollars' worth of books from the State, as provided in the said law.

It is the opinion of our board that the voters of a town having thus expressed themselves favorably on the question of the establishment of a public library, that the matter of incidental expenses, such as cost of fitting up book cases and other like expenses, should be provided for by the Selectmen from the town funds, and that the specific appropriation of fifteen, twenty-five or fifty dollars required by the terms of the liberal law, be expended in the purchase of books.

As we consider this matter to be wholly within the power of the Selectmen of the various towns to decide without further action by the voters; we therefore ask that the above suggestions be agreed to by your Board, in which case the books from the State will be forwarded to the Library Trustees of your town at an early day.

RESPECTFULLY,

JOHN J. BELL, Exeter, *Chairman*.

JOSIAH H. WHITTIER, East Rochester, *Secretary*.

GEORGE T. CRUFT, Bethlehem.

HOSEA W. PARKER, Claremont.

ARTHUR R. KIMBALL, (*ex officio*), Concord,

We would further suggest that you keep books furnished by the State properly insured.

We agree to the above suggestions, as relating to the maintenance of a library in our town.

J. ALBERT PEASLEE,	}	Selectmen of Bradford.
FRANK WITHINGTON,		
EDWARD C. MESSER,		

Date September 20, 1892. .

The Library Trustees and Selectmen having filled out the necessary blanks required by the Board of Library Commissioners of the state in the month of December 1892, the chairman of the trustees received the one hundred dollars worth of books from the State for the Free Library of Bradford, and on the 14th of January A. D. 1893, the library was opened to the public for the first time. In about five days or on the 19th day of January 1893, the Bradford Library Association made a gift of all the books in their possession to the town of Bradford, as the following copy of record now on the town books will show.

To the Trustees of Bradford. N. H. Free Library.

RECORD.

At a special meeting of the officers and members of the Bradford Library Association to take formal action on the proposed gift of said library to said town of Bradford in accordance with a proposition submitted to the voters of said town at its last annual meeting in March A. D. 1891, the following resolution was submitted and unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED:— That in consideration of the adoption by the legal voters of the town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack and in the State of New Hampshire at the annual meeting in March A. D. 1892 by an unanimous vote of the provisions of the act to establish a free Public library in said town agreeable to chapter 8 section 21-26 of the Public Statutes of said State, and at that meeting voting the first annual appropriation of twenty-five dollars as required thereby and also elected a board of library trustees consisting of three members to attend to the duties connected therewith, and said trustees having made reasonable and substantial progress in their labors, we the officers and members of said Bradford Library Association, in due accord with our promise made to the voters of said town March A. D. 1892 before they voted on the adoption of the provisions of said act do hereby give and convey to the said town of Bradford all the books and documents belonging to the said Bradford Library Association, subject to the same restrictions as to care, insurance and as otherwise required by the State of New Hampshire, as per instructions and decisions of the Board of Library Commissioners of said state.

CHARLES F. DAVIS, Sect. Pro Tem.

Bradford, N. H. January 19, 1893.

Your trustees have secured a room in the house of Mr. Frank Peaslee at Bradford Village near the town house and west of the residence of Silas Colby, at an expense of forty dollars per annum.

In this room are the three book cases purchased for the library, the table and all the books which have come into our possession.

We have collected from the town clerk's office and selectmen's room all of the available books we could find and take care of, and our shelves are nearly full. These books have all been examined carefully, labeled and numbered, and are now ready for the proper use and instruction of our citizens; they have been selected with much care, and the total original cost of the books now in the possession of the town, including the volumes received from the

State and all other sources, must exceed one thousand dollars. We have a small insurance on the books and cases &c. for the term of three years.

Number volumes gift from the State, Dec. 1892,	-	-	99
“ “ “ “ Bradford Library Association,			360
“ “ “ “ State and other sources, -	-	-	200
Total, - - - - -			659

Our accession number is 669 which was caused by making allowance for certain books which we were unable to find and some few volumes which were packed for rebinding. Vol. 1, Hitchcock's Geology of N. H. we cannot find. We found only 35 volumes of the law reports, there should be a complete set of sixty-five volumes; as each town is entitled to receive from the State certain publications we can see no better way to preserve them than by transferring them from the office of the town-clerk to the town library and we have also collected the same from the selectmen's office. In the early provincial and state papers there are eighteen volumes in a complete set. We have eleven vols. in the library of Provincial and State Papers, showing that seven volumes are missing. The intrinsic value of these books as reference books to the present or future citizens of our town cannot be overestimated. In absence of proof to the contrary it is probable that these books were received from the state and borrowed by some citizen to examine or read. We trust that if such is the case that every citizen having any such book as described above will immediately return the same to the trustees of our library as soon as possible after reading this report.

A printed set of rules relating to the loan and return of books are pasted on the inside of front cover, and a ruled slip for entering the number of the borrower's card is attached to the inside of the back cover of every book. As each volume is added to the library, its author, title &c. are made a matter of permanent record by being entered under the various headings of the Accession-book which is adapted to the purpose and is self-explanatory.

Covering Books.

In reference to the covering of books the Board of Library Commissioners for the State report that in getting the ideas of librarians on this subject "the weight of opinion seems to be decidedly, against it."

Bound Periodicals.

"It is often the case that people having old magazines are willing to contribute the same for the benefit of the library, and in this way very desirable additions may be made available at the mere cost of binding."

Access to Shelves.

"If the question be left to the decision of the patrons of the library, it is probable that they would express a decided preference for an arrangement that would allow them to go to the shelves and select books for themselves. The number of advocates of such a system seems to be on the increase among librarians."

Cataloguing.

"It is strongly recommended that a card catalogue be made in each library. One of the advantages of such a catalogue is, that it may always be kept up to date, as cards can be inserted whenever books are added to the library. As a card catalogue is for use in the library room only, it is desirable that a printed one be issued whenever practicable."

Where this cannot well be done it is suggested that a list of the books added to the library each year be printed as a part of the annual town reports.

The Selection of Books as a Gift to the Town:

"The aim of the State Library Commissioners to purchase readable books, to get the best books rather than the cheapest, the merit of the selection to be in their quality, rather than in the number of volumes," will be fully recognized by our citizens, as the selection made justifies no other conclusion, and merits their candid inspection and approbation. There was made a somewhat radical departure in this instance, selecting books almost wholly from American authors. This reference covers the ninety-nine volumes sent the town December, 1892.

Bradford Library Association.

The action of this association of private citizens, in making a donation of some 360 volumes (the whole library) to the town, is indicative of a healthy public spirit, shows a lively interest is awakening to advance and improve the intellectual welfare of the community. Horace K. Martin, President; Wm. A. Carr, Treasurer; Geo. L. Mitchell, Secretary; and all others of the officers

and members of said association, for their liberal and generous action should be highly appreciated by the people of Bradford; their gift of books covered an outlay of nearly five hundred dollars, and comprises the works of many of the best authors in the old and new world. We acknowledge as donors to the library, 1 volume each from Fred H. Gould Esq. and A. P. Howe Esq.

The necessity in all rural districts, of a well-chosen library, to stay the evils arising from a falling off of the population, the difficulty of maintaining public worship in consequence thereof, the isolation, as it were, of many from the social gatherings which were so frequent in the past, when the spelling schools and the singing-schools formed such important factors, compel us to note the marked changes which have and must continue to take place in our country towns. To the population of all such a public library is an imperative necessity, and its influence cannot be denied.

Children gather truths from good books, which shape and develop thought, action and character; and people of every age are improved and made happier by the influence of the breadth of thought created by books. "As other influences are weakened by the inevitable decrease in population, the influence of books should be increased, in order that the next generation may be as intelligent, as progressive, as intellectually active as the generation that went before." "Finally we believe no public money will be better expended than that which is judiciously expended in books."

We call the attention of our people to the importance of giving this matter their most earnest consideration; it is of serious import, and the future character of our population depend upon it.

Financial Report.

In Acct. with Town of Bradford

Cr.

1892.

Oct. 28 - Nov. 12, Paid State Board of Library Commissioners.

400 Library Cards,.....	\$ 2.10
600 Rules & Regulations,.....	1.35
800 ruled slips,.....	1.55
1 Accession-book, 200 pages,.....	2.35
Self-inking & dating stamp with dates & ink,	.75

Gummed labels,.....	\$.30	
150 State slips, (no charge,)		
Dec. 7 Paid G. L. Mitchell, freight on case of books, .36		
Jan. 16, " W. M. Carr, 1 blank Recording book, .75		
" 16, " " " 2 lbs. Glue,40		
" 16, " Oi Hall, 1 large book case,..... 7.00		
" 21, " Wm. A. Carr, Treasurer Bradford Library Association,..... 15.00 "		
Feb. 4, " A. P. Howe & Son, printing 400 library cards,50		
" 16, " Mrs. F. Peaslee, cleaning book case, .50		
" 16, " A. P. Howe & Son, Stationery &c. .42		
" 28, " G. L. Mitchell, Ex. on library books, .35		
" 28, Insurance on books &c. 6.00		
		39.68
Mar. 14, Paid Frank Peaslee, rent & care of Library from January 14, 1893 to date,..... 6.67		
Total,	\$ 46.35	

Dr.

Nov. 1892, To Order of Selectmen,.....	\$ 25 00	
Jan. 1893, " " " "	15.00	
Feb. " " " "	6.35	
Total,.....	\$ 46.35	

CHAS. F. DAVIS, Chairman Library Trustees.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account of the Chairman Library Trustees, and found the same to agree with the vouchers, and correctly cast.

R. W. CUMMINGS, }
GEORGE S. MORGAN, } AUDITORS.

Report of the Board of Education.

Andrew's School.

This school was under the management of Miss Etta N. Ring for both terms; at the close, the examination showed that good progress had been made.

Centre School.

FIRST TERM, taught by Sarah I. Colby, a teacher who has had much experience and is well liked.

SECOND TERM, by Charles B. Abbott. This was Mr. Abbott's first attempt at teaching. With a closer attention to order in the school-room and a more rapid way of hearing classes will make him a successful teacher.

Hoyt School.

Both terms taught by Miss Minnie B. Peaslee. With good scholars and a good teacher, a school must be a success.

Massassecum School.

Miss Susie M. Moon, teacher. As in the year before in our schools, Miss Moon still retained her good qualities as a teacher.

Plain School.

Miss Lizzie F. Peaslee, teacher first term. Miss Peaslee is a teacher of much experience and had a successful school.

Second term by Miss Sarah I. Colby. Miss Colby retained her good name as a teacher in this school, as she has in other schools of our town. The recitations and dialogues at the close of the term were excellent.

West School.

Spring term taught by Minnie I. Sinclair. Your committee was unable to be present at the close of the spring term. At the commencement it bid fair to be a successful school.

Miss Clara J. Nichols, an old teacher of this town, was secured as teacher for the second term. The examination at the close showed that good progress had been made.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In presenting a report of the schools for 1892 and 93, shall I state facts about them, or shall I say the teachers, parents and scholars have done well? I believe it best to state them as I see them. (I will say that these remarks do not apply to all) Some of our teachers are too anxious to have pupils pass over too much ground, without a thorough knowledge of the work done. Do not be afraid to put that boy or girl back where he or she belongs; it will make that scholar more anxious to excel, and one rule well learned is worth more than ten half learned. Another thing is order in your school; without it you cannot have a successful school; if you allow the small boy or girl to do as they please, as they grow older they will continue in the same way, and it becomes almost impossible for a teacher that succeeds you to govern them. You must study the best methods of teaching, subscribe for one or two educational publications and study them through. Attend the teachers' institute, for there you will learn much that will be of use to you in the school-room. Do not be satisfied until you are one of the best teachers,

Scholars, what are your duties? Be on hand in the morning and at noon; when the bell strikes take your seats in an orderly and quiet way. Have your lessons well learned; do not speak too low, but loud enough to be heard in all parts of the room. Do not be satisfied with what you learn in your book, but look farther and learn all you can from books that give you more knowledge on the same subject. Strive to go higher; never be satisfied in remaining at the foot of the ladder.

Parents and citizens, you must co-operate and make our schools a success. In the past year you have had only seventeen weeks of schooling; are you satisfied with this? Are you afraid to raise more money because it will make your taxes higher? I will ask you this question: had you rather leave your children a large bank account to quarrel over after you are gone, or a good education? Think of this; and I hope every woman and every man in the district will come to our school meeting and vote to have better schools, better school-houses, longer schools, and more maps and globes for teachers to illustrate by. For the past three years I have had the honor

to be connected with your schools. I have endeavored to do the best that I could ; for the assistance you have given me I thank you.

VERY TRULY,

F. O. MELVIN, FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD.

We herewith present the general and statistical report of all the scholars for the year ending March 1st, 1893. The whole number of scholars attending school in town was 131. The whole number reported by the selectmen in April 1892 was 125, (i. e. 69 boys and 55 girls) between the ages of 5 and 15 years.

HONOR ROLL.

ANDREWS.	1 term : Ellie T. Purington, Clinton D. Craig. 2 terms : Milton O. Craig, Guy A. Craig.
CENTRE.	1 term ; Hattie Butman, Laura Hoyt, Katie Presby, Horace Barnes, Lewis Barnes, Arthur Gardner, Sadie Wiggin, Gertie L. Heath, George Presby, Ernest Russell, Charles A. Wilson, Lucy A. Wiggin. 2 terms : Nettie H. Cressy, Laura A. Colby, Ethel M. Davis, Viola E. Hoyt, Abbie N. Hoyt, Grace E. Wiggin, Mary E. Wilson.
HOYT'S.	2 terms : Ethel E. Eaton, May S. Flanders, Grace B. Flanders,
MASSASSETT.	1 term : Mabel P. Cheney. 2 terms : Ira C. Davis, Homer R. Tuttle.
PLAIN.	1 term : Austin E. Cofrin, Katie M. Cofrin. 2 terms : Fred G. Bean, Flora E. Bean.
WEST.	1 term : Plummer D. Chase, Winthrop Dunham, Eva J. Hoyt, Lizzie E. Moon.

FRANK O. MELVIN,	} SCHOOL BOARD	
J. ALBERT PEASLEE,		OF
A. FRENCH SMITH,		BRADFORD.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Treasurer of the School Board presents the following report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,.....	\$ 42.41
Regular school money,.....	600.00
Tuition collected,.....	1.00

Received of school Board Newbury, Hoyt school,	47.00
Total,	\$ 690.41.

EXPENDITURES.

Wages of teachers,	\$ 527.50
Repairs on school-houses,	1.15
Supplies for school-houses,	42.00
Cleaning school-houses,	8.00
Town of Washington, tuition 1892 & 1893,	5.00
Town of Warner, , ' ' ' ' ,	3.20
Balance unexpended,	103.56
Total,	\$ 690.41

Respectfully submitted,
ADDISON S. CRESSY, Treas. Board of Education.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. CUMMINGS, }
GEO. S. MORGAN, } AUDITORS.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DIST. No. 1.

RECEIPTS,

Balance from last year,	\$36.92
School money,	540.80
From other sources,	27.60
TOTAL,	\$605.32

EXPENDITURES.

Wages of teachers,	\$505.80
Fuel,	38.50
Repairs,	22.65
Insurance,	10.00
Incidental expenses,	27.09
Balance unexpended,	1.28
TOTAL,	\$605.32

F. O. MELVIN, }
J. AEBERT PEASLEE, } SCHOOL BOARD
A. FRENCH SMITH, } OF
BRADFORD.

Report of Special School District.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Miss Margaret M. Carter was teacher for the year, which consisted of three terms, viz.

First term commenced Apr. 25, 1892 and closed July 1, 1892.

Second " " Aug. 29, " " Nov. 4, "

Third " " Dec. 5, " " Feb. 16, 1893.

Miss Carter has now taught this school for five terms, and used her best efforts in the interest of her pupils. We visited the school several times during the past year, and, so far as we could observe, it was orderly and industrious. We always found the teacher attentive to her duties, and equal to emergencies; the scholars mannerly, and, for the most part, studious. The teaching was systematic and thorough in an eminent degree.

The exercises in reading, spelling and writing were conducted in an interesting and instructive manner. The classes in arithmetic, grammar, geography and history, and also those in the higher branches, made excellent progress.

The register shows rather too many cases of tardiness and non-attendance. Though some of these were excusable, yet several of the pupils could doubtless have made a better record.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First term. Fannie M. Farrar,

Second term. Herman M. Blaisdell, Ida M. Eaton.

Third term. Estella L. Blood, Lillian B. Perkins, Joseph Gafforio. The following named pupils were tardy but once.

Sadie W. Davis, Grace E. Presby.

Perhaps no subject taught in public schools is of more importance than language. By its instrumentality we read and write, think and converse, through life. How necessary then that it be thoroughly learned! It is not enough that the scholar can read and write and compose freely; but he ought to be such an expert in grammatical analysis that he can always determine what is correct, and detect what is faulty, in a piece of written composition. Grammar—

the philosophy of language and interpreter of thought,—is not only a powerful disciplinary study, but an efficient practical aid in the work of life. Let no student consider his school-work complete until he has memorized the definitions and rules of grammar, and can distinguish the parts of speech at sight. He should understand the relation and connection of words, and also be able to scan a verse of poetry, or punctuate a piece of manuscript. This is the one thing needful in an education.

M. H. H.

We give below the names of pupils who received Roll of Honor Badges, (made of satin ribbon with the words "Roll of Honor" printed thereon) for excellence in deportment and regularity of attendance. This list includes those who were absent or tardy but once or twice, but who were deserving of testimonials of merit. We highly commend this method of conferring rewards of merit and suggest that it be more generally adopted.

Herman M. Blaisdell is also deserving of honorable mention, as he was neither absent nor tardy until sick.

Estella L. Blood,	Lillian B. Perkins,	Grace E. Presby,
Joseph Gafforeo,	Leon M. Morse,	Ida M. Eaton,
Ethel C. Benjamin,	Fannie M. Farrar,	Lizzie L. Hadley.

At the annual school meeting, held in March 1890 a "Course of Study" was adopted for the Grammar School. It is as follows:—

FIRST YEAR.

1ST TERM—Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography.
 2ND TERM—Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography.
 3D TERM—Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography.

SECOND YEAR.

1ST TERM—Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography.
 2ND TERM—Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography.
 3D TERM—Arithmetic, Grammar, U. S. History.

THIRD YEAR.

1ST TERM—Algebra, Civil Government, Physiology.
 2ND TERM—Algebra, Nat'l Philosophy, Book-keeping. (single)
 3D TERM—Algebra, Nat'l Philosophy, Book-keeping. (double)

FOURTH YEAR.

1ST TERM—Geometry, Chemistry, English History.
 2ND TERM—Geometry, Chemistry, Rhetoric.
 3D TERM—Geometry, Rhetoric, Astronomy.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The first term of this department was taught by Miss Ida C. Davis, the teacher of the preceding year. The spring term commenced April 25, and ended July 1, embracing a period of ten weeks. The number of pupils attending this term was 26, 12 boys and 14 girls. We notice on the pages containing the girls' names there is not a single mark indicating tardiness during the first term, only five for the second term, and none the third term; while on the pages containing the boys' names there are 24 marks of tardiness the first term, 26 the second, and none the third. We admit that this is not a large number as compared with some preceding terms, but we are led to inquire of the boys why they were unable to be as punctual in attendance as the girls. Did the boys play the part of truant on the way to school? or did the parents keep them at home till too late an hour? Tardiness is indeed a great annoyance to the school, and parents should make special effort to have their children there on time. The second term was also taught by Miss Davis, commencing Aug. 29, and closing Nov. 5. The instances of tardiness in this term were 31, only 5 of which were set against the girls' names. The non-attendance in this term amounted to 93 half days, more than 9 weeks schooling for one pupil. The importance of continuous attendance at school cannot be too strongly enforced. Five days in a week is not so exhaustive but that the pupil can, ordinarily, attend without detriment to the physical or mental powers.

The progress made in the first two terms of this school was highly satisfactory, as far as we know, to all patrons of the school. It most certainly was so to the committee.

Miss Davis, now Mrs. John L. Dame, retires from her chosen profession, and carries with her the love and esteem of her pupils, and the lasting gratitude of those who committed their little ones to her thoughtful care and judicious training, as well as the high appreciation and warm friendship of the school officers. It is with pleasure that we append below a few lines from her, A. P. H.

“Your ever thoughtful Superintendent, A. P. Howe, having unexpectedly given me opportunity, it becomes my pleasure to express a few thoughts, through the pages of our school report, in regard to my association with the children, parents, committees, and friends of our primary school. It was my happy privilege to re-

main with you five consecutive terms, during which time I had many strong tests of friendship, and the united support of all interested in the school's welfare. It is with memories of deep gratitude that I recall the many assurances given in these directions.

Having had the care of these little ones' minds, and souls as I believe for these terms; it was natural that a strong attachment should spring up between us; many and genuine were the ways in which they expressed theirs for me, which encouraged and strengthened me in my endeavors to do all that I could for them.

I still feel an interest in their advancement, and sincerely hope that they will as faithfully co-operate with my successor. It seems to me that the development of a child is a very great and serious subject,—would that every child might have emplantd within them the germ of the divine life as well, that this growth might develop with the mental and physical. Let us always be awake to the PURPOSE of our creation and existence—the glorification of Him who hath sent us. The children are the hope of the nation, as well as of God's kingdom. With His help may we guide them aright.

Respectfully,
IDA C. DAME."

The third term was taught by Miss Abbie Emerson of Sanbornton. We felt, as we always do when obliged to change teachers, some anxiety as to the result; but we are glad to be able to say that Miss Emerson more than met our reasonable expectations, and acquitted herself so well that we hope for return. As a disciplinarian she stands without a peer. As an organizer of classes and an able conductor of class-work she is eminently successful. Her method of instruction is practical and thorough. Her school-room almost invariably presented a neat and orderly appearance, and she has brought into the school an earnest purpose and complete consecration to her chosen work. For want of time and space we refrain from further comment.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The figures within brackets indicate the number terms of perfect attendance.

Edna J. Benjamin, [3] Bertha F. Choate, [1] Emily S. Holmes, [1]
Mira M. Southworth, [1] Elmer G. Wellman, [1] Nettie Blood, [1]
Geo. W. Carr, [2] Fred B. Hall, [1] Grace M. Hall, [2]
Ralph M. Kittredge, [1] Eldredge A. Morse, [1].

In accordance with suggestions from the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the schools of Bradford united in the observance of "Columbus Day," at Town Hall, Friday evening, October 21, 1892, when the following program was carried out.

PROGRAM:

1. OVERTURE: Grand National Medley, by Orchestra.
2. READING: President's Proclamation, by F. O. Melvin.
3. RAISING THE FLAG: by the Veterans.
4. SOLO & CHORUS: by Mrs. Tappan, Miss Davis, Peaslee & Wright.
5. SALUTE TO THE FLAG: by the Pupils.
6. QUARTET: The Flag without a Stain, Male Voices.
7. SONG: America, by Entire Audience.
8. PRAYER: by Rev. Arthur Locke.
9. SONG: Columbus Day, by Pupils & Audience.
10. ADDRESS: Meaning of the 4 Centuries, by Miss Sadie W. Davis.
11. ODE: written by Edna Dean Proctor, by Miss Hattie Butman.
12. QUARTET: Mrs. Gould & Wallace, Mr. Wallace & Forsaith.
13. STORY OF COLUMBUS: by Pupils of Primary School.
14. RESPONSE: Power of the Gospel, by Rev. Arthur Locke.
15. RECITATION: Discovery of America, by Miss Nettie Cressy.
16. RECITATION: Columbus & her Schools, by Miss Maud Gillingham.
17. RECITATION: The first to greet Columbus, by Miss Flora Bean.
18. RESPONSE: The Grand Army of the Republic, by Dr. Wallace.
19. OVERTURE: Grand Reconciliation, by Orchestra.
20. QUARTET: Mrs. Tappan, Miss Ida Davis, Peaslee & Wright.
21. RECITATION: 3 days in the life of Columbus, Miss Grace Presby.
22. RECITATION: Columbus dying, by Clinton Craig.
23. RECITATIONS: by pupils of Massassecum School.
24. RECITATIONS: by pupils of West School.
25. RECITATION: The Tyrant & the Captive, by Miss Ethel E. Eaton.
26. RECITATION: In the land of Muzfuz, by Miss May Flanders.
27. RESPONSE: Our Public Schools, by A. P. Howe.
28. SONG: the Red, White & Blue, by Entire Audience.

Very respectfully submitted,

ASBURY P. HOWE, MARTIN H. HUNTOON, MRS. G. A. C. BUTMAN,	}	SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Name of Sch. or house.	No. of term.	TEACHER.	Weeks of School.	No. of pupils.	Average No. pupils belong- ing to school.	Average dai- ly attendance.	Per cent. of daily attend- ance.	Honor roll.	No. School visits.	Other visits.	Wages with board per month.
Andrews	{ 1	Etta N. Ring	9	5	5	5	100.	4	2	8	\$18.00
	{ 2	"	9.4	4	4	3	75.	2	2	4	18.00
Center	{ 1	Sarah I. Colby	7	25	25	24	96.	16	2	11	24.00
	{ 2	Charles B. Abbott	9.2	29	28	26	92.86	10	2	7	24.00
Hoyts	{ 1	Minnie B. Peaslee	7	4	4	4	100.	3	2	16	20.00
	{ 2	"	10	5	5	5	100.	3	2	9	20.00
Massasecum	{ 1	Susie M. Moon	7	8	8	6	75	2	2	1	20.00
	{ 2	"	10	13	13	11	85.	3	2	9	20.00
Plain	{ 1	Lizzie F. Peaslee	7	13	11	9	81.81	2	2	13	20.00
	{ 2	Sarah I. Colby	10	14	13	12	92.31	4	2	17	23.00
West	{ 1	Minnie I. Sinclair	7	9	9	8	95.55	4	2	5	20.00
	{ 2	Clara J. Nichols	10	5	5	4	72.	0	2	3	20.00

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Grammar	{ 1	Margaret M. Carter	10	19	17	15	88.23	1	4	50	\$40.00
	{ 2	Margaret M. Carter	10	19	18	17	94.44	5	4	34	40.00
	{ 3	Margaret M. Carter	10	21	19	18	94.73	4	5	60	40.00
Primary	{ 1	Ida C. Davis	10	26	23	21	91.30	5	2	60	28.00
	{ 2	Ida C. Davis	9.4	25	24	23	95.83	9	2	29	28.00
	{ 3	Abbie Emerson	10	28	27	24	88.88	4	2	42	28.00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOL.	Term.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Civil Government.	History.	Rhetoric.	Physiology.	Geometry.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Drawing.	Composition.
Andrews	{ 1	5	5	5	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
	{ 4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Center	{ 1	25	23	23	23	19	12	0	5	0	4	0	2	2	0	0
	{ 2	28	28	28	28	10	11	0	6	0	4	0	6	6	0	0
Hoyts	{ 1	4	4	4	4	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
	{ 2	5	5	5	5	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Massasscum	{ 1	8	8	8	5	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	{ 2	13	13	13	12	8	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Plain	{ 1	13	13	13	9	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
	{ 2	14	14	14	9	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
West	{ 1	9	9	4	8	4	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
	{ 2	5	5	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grammar	{ 1	18	18	19	14	13	14	0	2	0	19	2	1	4	0	19
	{ 2	18	19	19	14	13	14	4	0	1	19	2	4	3	0	19
	{ 3	20	21	21	16	5	15	4	11	1	21	2	6	3	0	21
Primary	{ 1	23	23	12	23	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	{ 2	25	25	13	25	25	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	{ 3	27	27	28	26	28	8	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0

VITAL STATISTICS.

TO THE SELECTMEN: In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session 1887, requiring Clerks of cities and towns to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers, for publication in the annual reports, I hereby submit the following:—

BIRTHS registered in the town of BRADFORD, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1892.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition			Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
			Male or Female	Living or Stillborn	No. Child 1st 2d &c.									
Jan 11	Bradford	Bertha Hoyt	F	L	1st	De'man C Hoyt	Louise L Eaton	W	Bradford	Farmer	Rutland Vt	Bradford N H	31	30
May 23	"	Arthur P Jameson	M	L	1st	Adoniram Jameson	Elizabeth Sargent	W	"	"	Bradford N H	"	38	37
July 29	"	Bertha A Howe	F	L	1st	Frank H Howe	Minnie F Howe	W	"	Printer	Acworth N H	Gilsum N H	33	28
Aug 24	"	"	F	L	1st	George Haselton	Annie M Bumford	W	"	Farmer	Derry N. H	Bradford N H	39	32
Oct 17	"	Maurice H Cummings	M	L	2nd	Roswell W Cummings	Josie Smyth	W	"	"	Guildhall Vt	"	28	26
Nov 25	"	Ida Courbet	F	L	1st	Ovid Courbet	Mary Peletier	W	"	"	Wharton P Q	Wharton P Q	20	24
Nov 30	"	Hazel F Ayer	F	L	2nd	Lafayette Ayer	Susan B Chase	W	"	"	Newbury N H	Hampton Falls	48	36
Dec 13	"	Guy Warren Sargent	M	L	2nd	Fred W Sargent	Etta Sargent	W	"	"	Bradford N H	Bradford N H	35	22

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief;

DAVID H. DAY, TOWN CLERK.

VITAL STATISTICS.

TO THE SELECTMEN: In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session 1887, requiring Clerks of cities and towns to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers, for publication in the annual reports, I hereby submit the following:—

MARRIAGES registered in the town of BRADFORD, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1892.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Birthplace of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	What marriage 1st and 2d &c	Name Residence and Official station of person by whom married.
Jan 5	Bradford	Walter H Chase Mary L Newman	Bradford N H	22 22	W W	Brakeman Postal Clerk	Sutton N H Bradford N H	William D Chase Charles M Newman	Deering N H N Y	Blacksmith Postmaster	1st 1st	Robert Bennett Clerg. Warner N H
May 4	"	Julius A Wilbur Bell H Mitchell	Charlestown " Bradford N H	46 29	W W	Station Agnet	Marlboro N H Springfield Mas	Asahel Wilbur John L Mitchell	Barton Vt	Blacksmith Carpenter	1st 1st	Albert E Hall Clerg. Warner N H
July 12	"	David M Morse Lucy S Smith	Bradford N H Fitchburg Mass	58 50	W W	Farmer Housekeeper	Bradford N H Washington "	David M Morse Isaac P-octor	Bradford N H Washington	Farmer Farmer	2nd 3d	Arthur Locke Clerg. Bradford N H
July 14	"	William Henry Deane Isabelle Robins Gillis	Quincy Mass Bradford N H	32 23	W W	Shoe Business	Chelsea Mass Hillshoro' N H	John Dean Charles Gillis	Sweden Franeestown	Sea Captain Hotel Keeper	1st	Geo F Kenncott Clerg. Newport N H
July 31	Newbury	Charles D Chase Jennie Vosburg	Warner N H Bradford N H	20 16	W W	Farmer Housekeeper	Warner N H Nebraska	William D Chase Lumous Vosburg	Deering N H	Blacksmith Laborer	1st 1st	Albert W Brown Clerg Newport N H
Dec 15	Concord	Bertram H Nichols IsaDora Bell Strickland	Bradford N H Concord N H	29 18	W W	Hotel Clerk Housekeeper	Boston Mass Bennington NH	Henry M Nichols S B Strickland	Antrim N H	Provision Dealer Hotel Keeper	1st 1st	Cephas B Crane Clerg. Concord N H
Dec 25	Bradford	John L Dame Ida C Davis	Bradford N H "	26 23	W W	Milk Agent Teacher	Chichester N H Bradford N H	Robert W Dame Charles F Davis	Strafford N H Cambridgeport Mass	Farming "	1st 1st	Arthur Locke Clerg. Bradford N H

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief; DAVID H. DAY, TOWN CLERK.

VITAL STATISTICS.

TO THE SELECTMEN: In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session 1887, requiring Clerks of cities and towns to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers, for publication in the annual reports, I hereby submit the following:—

DEATHS registered in the town of BRADFORD, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1892.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	AGE			Color	Single or Married	Place of Birth	Occupation	PLACE OF BIRTH		Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death
			Years	Months	Days					Father	Mother			
All														
Jan 6	All	Rose A Larkin	48	11	F	W	M	Bradford N H	Housekeeper	Bradford N H	Wilnot	Asa Knight	Mary	Consumption
" 6		Horace Clark Felch	67	8	M	W	M	" "	Farmer	Weare N H	Hopkinton N H	John Felch	Sally Clark	Typh'd Pneumonia
" 8		John W Morse	85	4	M	W	M	Henniker N H	Merchant	" "	" "	Josiah Morse	Betsy Brown	Pneumonia
" 19		Frances Forsaith	45	7	F	W	M	Warner N H	Housekeeper	Sailsbury N H	Newbury N H	Ebenezer Stevens	Francis	Influenza
" 19		Hannah Derusha	83	5	F	W	M	Goshen N H	"	" "	" "	Moses True	Polly Batchelder	"
Feb 3		Jerusha K Hoyt	68	3	F	W	M	Warner N H	"	" "	" "	Levi Colba	Hannah B Osgood	La Grippe
May 6		Hannah Cass	89	3	F	W	M	" "	"	" "	" "	" "	" "	Old Age
" 12		Mary A Steele	46	8	F	W	M	Bradford N H	"	Hopkinton	" "	Timothy P Jones	Mary Watson	Consumption
June 1		Susan Piper	83	7	F	W	M	" "	"	" "	" "	William Wiggin	Elizabeth Smith	Pneumonia
Aug 4		Ruth G Cheney	11	4	F	W	M	Cambridge Mas	"	Sutton N H	N Y	Herbert Cheney	Louise Childs	Accident Poisoning
Sept 10	Bradford	Mrs W A Chase	23	5	F	W	M	Bradford N H	Postal Clerk	N H	Bradford N H	Charles M Newman	Lavina Presby	Peritonitis
" 25		Mary J Eaton	69	1	F	W	M	Alstead N H	Housekeeper	Hopkinton N H	Hopkinton N H	Enoch Gould	Lydia Lovell	Chronic Rheumatism
Oct 23		Moses E Gould	71	1	M	W	M	Hopkinton N H	Retired	Concord N H	Gilmanton N H	William F Wallace	Addie M Gilman	Heart Disease
Nov 19		Josephine L Wallace	69	1	F	W	M	Milton N H	"	West Betlin	Wayland	Jacob Stanley	Keziah Tripp	Scarlet Fever
Dec 9		Lewis G Stanley	59	1	M	W	M	Shapleigh Me	Shoe Cut'er	" "	" "	Solomon Larkin	" "	Suicide by Suffocation
" 20		Albert Larkin	71	2	M	W	W	West Berlin	Farmer	" "	" "	" "	" "	Paralysis

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief; DAVID H. DAY, TOWN CLERK.

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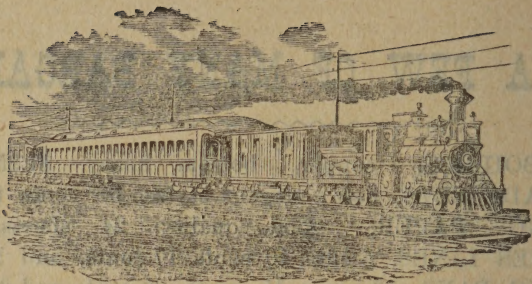
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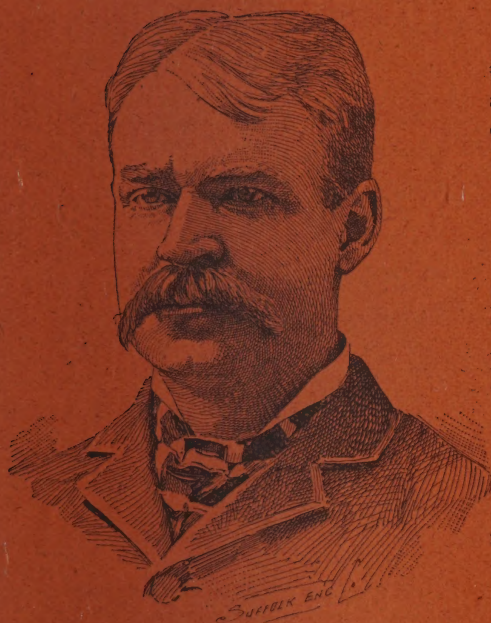
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